



## 2020 Newsletter

### Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

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#### **To the people of God at Our Redeemer,**

In the year 1968 (the year I was born), mathematician and scientist D. G. Brennan wrote, "I shall not be surprised if on my 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday (in the year 2020) I am able to go for a ride in an anti-gravity car." There were other predictions throughout the years of what life in 2020 would be like. Elon University noted in 2006, "Futurists and technology experts say robots and artificial intelligence of various sorts will become an accepted part of daily life by the year 2020 and will almost completely take over physical work." In 1964, a survey of "experts" sponsored by the RAND Corporation predicted that by the year 2020, humans would be breeding apes and other animals to do menial labor. In 1967, Futurist Magazine predicted: "By the year 2020, it may be possible to breed intelligent species of animals, such as apes, that will be capable of performing manual labor. During the 21st century, those houses that don't have a robot in the broom closet could have a live-in ape to do the cleaning and gardening chores." I suppose the animals were going to act as pet/slaves to do the tasks the robots thought were "beneath them."

Thankfully these predictions have not come to fruition and we do not live in the Brave New World predicted by some. The dystopian nightmare of a world without the dignity of work for everyone except robot makers and animal trainers would be far worse than anything we have experienced this year. There were some who predicted that by 2020, we would no longer have the need to grow our food, but we would be receiving our nutrition through nanotechnology. We would live in a world without farms or restaurants. The actual year 2020 doesn't look so bad.

There were other more mainstream predictions of 2020 throughout the years which were blessedly wrong. In 1989, the New York Times ran an article where the President of Exxon said that by the year 2020 there would not be enough domestic oil left "to keep me interested" in producing oil in America. In 2003, CNN ran an article titled: "World Oil and Gas 'Running Out'". By the way, America is now a net exporter of oil and gas.

In the year 2000, Discover Magazine predicted that a billion people would die of starvation by the year 2020 due to income inequality. They stated, "You're going to have to somehow live while you watch a billion people starve." Thankfully the opposite happened and more than a billion people were lifted out of extreme poverty in those 20 years. One of my great fears with the pandemic is that many of those people will fall back into extreme poverty. The U.N. recently estimated that two million people have starved to death worldwide as a direct result of the economic ramifications of the lockdowns.

So you are probably asking yourself, "Why is pastor focusing on these things when we are preparing for the celebration of the birth of our Lord?" That is the obvious appropriate question. I have a rule for my own personal mental and spiritual well-being. I do not devote a moment of worry toward things which I cannot control. Those situations are only for prayer. We are in the final month of this year which has presented many unanticipated struggles. Thankfully, we did not have to endure the anticipated ones predicted in the past. However, I would like an anti-gravity car. It is futile to engage in the reckless speculation of what the future will hold. The only thing we can know for sure is that Christ our Lord has come, Christ has died, Christ is risen, and Christ our Lord is coming again. Focus on that and trust that the will of God is being accomplished. He will see you through no matter what the next month or year may bring.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

In Christ,

*Pastor Eden*

## Who's Who at Our Redeemer

President	Chet Vahle (1st term)	Oct. 2020 – Sept. 2021
Vice-President	Chris Knapp (1st term)	Oct. 2020 – Sept. 2021
Secretary	Michele Urbon (1st term )	Oct. 2020 – Sept. 2021
Treasurer	Michele Clevenger (3 <sup>rd</sup> term)	Oct. 2020 – Sept. 2021
Financial Secretary	Wanda Spohr (3 <sup>rd</sup> term) – Counters	Oct. 2020 – Sept. 2021
Education Board	Melissa Knapp, S.S. Supt., ex officio	Appointed
	<b>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</b>	Oct. 2019 – Sept. 2021
	Heidi Schlipman (1st term )	Oct. 2020 – Sept. 2022
Board of Elders		
319-572-9558	Larry Foster (3 <sup>rd</sup> term) – Communion Asst.	Oct. 2019 – Sept. 2021
217-617-7312	Darrell Drescher (3 <sup>rd</sup> term) – Special Services	Oct. 2019 – Sept. 2021
217-257-6516	Gene Bluhm (1 <sup>st</sup> term) – Sunday Ushers	Oct. 2019 – Sept. 2021
217-223-9207	Mike Herschler (1 <sup>st</sup> term) – Saturday Ushers	Oct. 2020 – Sept. 2022
217-440-3606	Steve Schoch (2 <sup>nd</sup> term) – Head Elder	Oct. 2020 – Sept. 2022
217-430-2460	Jeff Wolfmeyer (2 <sup>nd</sup> term) – Altar Care	Oct. 2020 – Sept. 2022
Evangelism Board	Ruth Ann Snowden (3 <sup>rd</sup> term)	Oct. 2019 – Sept. 2021
	Michele Schoch (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)	Oct. 2020 – Sept. 2022
Property Board	Dennis Baker (1 <sup>st</sup> term)	Oct. 2019 – Sept. 2021
	Gary Hyer (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)	Oct. 2020 – Sept. 2022
Stewardship Board	Hannah Ajdinovich (1 <sup>st</sup> term)	Oct. 2019 – Sept. 2021
	Larry Ehmen (1 <sup>st</sup> term)	Oct. 2020 – Sept. 2022
Youth Ministry	Jamie Louderback (3 <sup>rd</sup> term)	Oct. 2020 – Sept. 2022
Endowment Chair	Larry Ehmen ( 3 <sup>rd</sup> term)	Oct. 2020 – Sept. 2022

# Remembering In Our Prayers



## REMEMBER IN PRAYER THOSE IN OUR NATION'S MILITARY SERVICES:

Mark & Kari Adams, Mark Borg, Paul Boriack, Steve Clark, Aaron DeWerff, Michael Goodwin, Robert Goodwin, John Haines, Zach Howerton, Ryan Keller, Jason Klauser, Levi Meyer, Jeremy Schwartz, Aaron Schmitt, Ryan Thruston, Andy Tipton, Marc Troxel, Brandon VanBastian, and Charles Wheeler.

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER THOSE WITH ONGOING HEALTH NEEDS:

Nick Austin, Sean Burner, Martha Canada, Steve Dunker, Jim Elliott, Lynda Hinkamper, Elaine Hyer, Becki Jones, Kim Long, Meghan Meyer, Michael Morgan, Carl Muehring, Angela Osmundsen, Sutton Perry-Brockemeier, Michelle Reinberg-Page, David Rickey, Cole Schullian, Kory Tournear, Jacob Weimer, Vicki Wemhoener, Jackson Weppeler.



## REMEMBER OUR SHUT-IN MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

Lynda Baker, Norma Begeman, Wayne Buesking, Martha Canada, Marcia Clevenger, Joann Durbin, Pat Florey, Marilyn Hanawalt, Isabelle Hillerts, Elaine Hyer, Ann Knoernschild, Todd Schroeder, Kitty Schuckman, Michael Simminger.

## Keep Our Missionaries in Your Prayers

Apple of His Eye Mission Society

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Latvia

The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Harlow, Essex, U.K. (*Together in Missions*)

The Independent Evangelical Lutheran Church in Germany

Mrs. Alvina Federwitz in Waxhaw, North Carolina

Jonathan and Carrie Federwitz and their children in Papua New Guinea

Danny and Becca DeLoach and their children, 6915A Cinder Run, Waxhaw, North Carolina 28173

Mrs. Julie Lutz, home on furlough

Dr. Martin & Marie Dicke, Musical Specialist serving in Papua New Guinea (*Together in Missions*)

Our Savior Lutheran Church of Uganda - Magamaga

## Our Seminary Students

Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN:

Tyler Arends – on Vicarage

926 East 1000 North Road, Melvin, IL 60952

Timothy & April Benzinger, Trent, Kaela, Jakob, and Hadassah

4153 Woodstock Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46815

Concordia Theological Seminary, Saint Louis, MO:

Ian & Sarah Heinze – on Vicarage

Our Savior Lutheran Church, 7910 E. St. Joe Highway, Lansing, MI 48917



## Our Mission

To the glory of God we are SHARING Our Redeemer by ...

CARING for one another in Christian love and compassion

ENCOURAGING growth and outreach through worship and Bible study

## Sunday School Staff

Superintendent – Melissa Knapp

Pre-School – Gina Eickelschulte

Kindergarten – Gina Eickelschulte

Grades 1 & 2 – Gina Eickelschulte

Grades 3 & 4 – Amy Killday

Grades 5 & 6 – Donna Haire

Grades 7 & 8 – Donna Haire

Teens – Gretchen Wolfmeyer

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## December News & Notes

**Because of COVID-19**, we are unable to safely have our usual Children's Christmas Eve program. Instead, the church elders have decided to offer **two Candlelight Christmas Eve services**, one at **7 PM** and one at **9 PM**. Please contact the church office or Pastor Eden if you have any questions regarding this year's change of schedule.

### **ORLC St. James School Tuition Endowment Fund \$5000.00 Matching Gift**

It has been a good week for the Endowment Fund. We were stalled at \$1500 match for quite some time. This past week we received \$3300 toward the match which brings our total to **\$4800, just \$200 shy of the goal**.

God has blessed us with donors that will help us meet the goal by the end of this year as we planned.

We continue to seek ways to raise the funds for the Endowment Fund as we prepare for the future of Christian education for our children who attend St. James School.

**Checks should be made to ORLC St. James School Tuition Endowment Fund.**

**2021 Envelopes** are now available on the table by the stairs. Please let the office know if you would like **Together in Mission** envelopes.

**Looking for safe, flexible and dependable transportation** for high school student/athlete. Pay dependent on schedule, mostly afternoons but would like morning availability - Thanks! 217-316-3089

**Help Needed:** A few families are needing **Rides to church on Sunday**. If you can help, please contact Pastor Eden or the church office.

**Open Hands Food Pantry** at The Lutheran Church of Saint John is searching for volunteers to help our pantry run smoothly! We need people to help take patrons through the pantry, help stock shelves and portion items. Please consider giving your time to help this ministry that supports so many. We are also in need of personal care products & baby diapers. These items are rarely donated and a significant expense to those already having trouble financially.

**Adopt a Lutheran School Student** This fund is to help the families of children that are currently attending St. James school. If making a donation, please specify if it is for our children in need or for the tuition Endowment Fund which we are building to help the church and families with tuition in the future.

**Please consider donating to Our Savior Lutheran Church -- Magamaga in Uganda** which Pastor Eden has talked about previously. Please contact Pastor Eden or the church office for more information.

**Did you recently have someone or a new family move to your neighborhood?** The Evangelism Committee has a Welcome basket that you can give them while introducing yourself and inviting them to our church. Baskets are downstairs on the table as you enter the basement.

**ORLC TOTE BAG FUNDRAISER for Parents of Lutheran Students (PLuS)** These bags are perfect for carrying your Bible Study Materials or whatever you'd like! **Cost is \$10 per tote bag**. They are available before and after the Saturday and Sunday services.

**LWML would like to thank** everyone who helped make our rummage sale possible. Everything was free will and we received \$1952 for missions. So thankful that we will be able to meet our 3rd and 4th quarter mission commitments. For those of you who were not able to bring your donations, we apologize and hope we can resume our rummage sale next spring.

**CID Endowment Fund:** The CID Endowment Fund Board of Trustees is elected at the Endowment Fund convention every three years at the CID District convention. Current board members are, Rev. Martin Eden, Rev. Karl Eckhoff, Mr. Richard McMullen, Ms. Cheryl Neal, and Mr. John Rodenburg. The board meets four times each year to oversee the operations of the fund, review investments and related returns, and administer funds distribution to the CID for scholarships. Non-voting Trustees are CID President Miller, CID Treasurer Mr. Dale Dirks. The board normally meets in February, May, August and November each year. Recently the board decided to hold the May and November meetings via phone conference to reduce expenses. In the coming weeks, we will share more information with you on our investment history and results.

## December News & Notes (continued)

**SCRIP NEWS!** Looking for dinner options? We have **McAllister's Deli**, **Panda Express**, **IHOP**, and many more! There are a variety of \$5 and \$10 gift cards available including **FIVE BELOW**. Check out the back side of the updated order form for retailers. Planning ahead? Place your order with payment, and will have them ready the following week! **CONTACTLESS DELIVERY is now available!** Just call the church office (217-223-1769) to place your order and then you can swing by to pay and pick up.

### Scrip Update:

Week ending:	1-Nov	15-Nov	22-Nov	29-Nov
Profit:	\$69.69	\$140.06	\$62.05	\$58.86
# orders:	9	19	7	5
Avg Profit/Order:	\$7.74	\$7.37	\$8.86	\$9.81
Overall Profit:	<b>\$2,917.59</b>	<b>\$3,057.64</b>	<b>\$3,119.69</b>	<b>\$3,178.55</b>

**Services at St. James:** Advent services on **December 2, 9, & 16 at 12:10 & 6:30 PM**; Christmas Eve services at **5 & 7 PM** with sign up by calling their office (217-222-8267); Christmas Day service at **10 AM** with no sign up required.

**Services at the Lutheran Church of Saint John:** Advent services on **December 2 & 9 at 6:00 PM**. **December 16**, the Sunday School will have their video Christmas Program. (More information to come.) Traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight services at **3 & 8 PM and a 6 PM** Contemporary service in the in the Family Life Center. Christmas Day service at **9 AM** in the Sanctuary. Signup links are at [www.lcosj.org](http://www.lcosj.org)

**This week on KFUE.org**, hear Advent midweek service from Village Lutheran Church **12/9 at 12 PM**, study Advent with the Prophets on Sharper Iron (weekdays at **8 AM**), and consider the practical application of our Lutheran Confessions on Concord Matters (**12/8 at 2 PM**). Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or wherever you get your podcasts!

**Next week on KFUE.org**, tune in to midweek Advent service on **12/16 at 12:00 p.m.** from Village Lutheran Ladue, study "Advent with the Prophets" on Sharper Iron with Pastor Timothy Appel (weekdays at **8:00 a.m.**), and hear Holiday Wrappings with Ron Klemm sharing classical music of the season (weekdays at **10:30 a.m.**). Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or wherever you get your podcasts!

**If you would like to attend worship**, communion, or Bible study, please make sure you are letting the church office know at 217-223-1769 or by signing up online. We are asking that everyone wear masks so that we may continue to have in-person services. Please continue to wear a mask and wash your hands regularly and thoroughly. Our church sanctuary is cleaned and sanitized after every service (four times a week). We will continue to be diligent with this practice to help keep God's house safe for all who gather together. Please make sure you sign the sheet in the Narthex. It is recommended that you let us know when you attend in the event contact tracing is necessary when someone contracts COVID-19. You can also sign up online or call the church office.

**Women's Conference at the Lutheran Church of Saint John postponed until September 11, 2021.**

**Help Needed:** A few families are needing **Rides to church on Sunday**. If you can help, please contact Pastor Eden or the church office.

### Guatemala Mission Team Postponed until July 2021

There are **GOOD NEWS** magazines available in the Narthex for only **\$3.00 each**. These are a great way to witness to your neighbors, friends, and family. Thank you – The Evangelism Committee

**Updates from the CID Church Extension Fund:** Christine Anderson put together a short video. To view the information via the links mentioned in the video click here: <https://linktr.ee/cidlcms> You can view the video in one of THREE places! Facebook: [www.facebook.com/cidlcms](http://www.facebook.com/cidlcms) YouTube: <https://youtu.be/x3CGkNo0W28> Instagram: @cidlcms



## Miscellaneous Constant Information

### Newsletter & Calendar Deadline –

All newsletter & Calendar submissions must be sent in **no later than the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month**. Please let the church office know about any needed changes.

**GREETING CARDS** (sponsored by the PLuS group) Be sure to check out the variety of assorted greeting cards. Cards are \$ .50.



**Rada Cutlery** is an on-going fundraiser. Rada has a variety of products: cutlery, stone-ware soy wax candles, and quick mixes. We have started taking orders for our next RADA order. Once we

have \$60 in orders, we will place the order. So, if you don't see something in our many "in stock" items, go ahead and fill out an order form with payment. Please **visit the Rada display in the old chapel. You may leave a completed Rada order form with pay-ment at the scrip table.** Thank you for your support of PLuS!

### Drawer Cart by the Office Steps

*Top Drawer:* For cancelled stamps for missions. They must be complete stamps.

*2<sup>nd</sup> Drawer:* General Mills box tops for education, HyVee UPCs, & Tyson A+ labels. They benefit the St. James school library. *We no longer accept Campbell's Soup Labels.*

*3<sup>rd</sup> Drawer:* For any type used greeting card fronts. Good Samaritan home uses them to make things.

**Church Office Hours** are Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM with time out for lunch between 12 and 1. Staff may be in the office before or after these hours, but please call before stopping in so that we can have items ready for you (keys, sermon copies, envelopes, etc.).

**Considering adoption?** Lifelink International Adoption (a ministry of Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois, LCFS) is seeking families interested in adopting from Korea. We're receiving child referrals again after a temporary break and have a limited number of families on our waiting list. Our South Korean program is one of our most enduring (twenty-nine years) and reliable. Learn more about Lifelink's adoption programs at [www.lifelinkadoption.org](http://www.lifelinkadoption.org) or contact us at 630-521-8281 or [intadopt@lifelinkadoption.org](mailto:intadopt@lifelinkadoption.org). Lifelink International Adoption is a program of Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois.

**Want to Go Paperless?** We would be happy to email you any church correspondence and newsletters if that is the option you prefer. Contact the church office, write your email on the bottom of your attendance card, or email [secretary@ourredeemerquincy.org](mailto:secretary@ourredeemerquincy.org).

**PLEASE SAVE LABELS - Please continue to** save HyVee UPCs, General Mills Box Tops, and Tyson A+ labels. Place them in the white drawer by the Church Office at ORLC. Thank you! *We no longer accept Campbell's Soup Labels.*

### Attention Parents of College Students:

If your child is away at college, please let the church know their new address and/or email as soon as you get it. We would like to nurture those relationships, pray for them, and help to keep them informed.



Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois



Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois' professional licensed counselors can help with any problem. They provide individual, couple, marital and family counseling to help address all types of situations. Insurance is accepted. Call 800-363-LCFS (5237) to schedule a FREE confidential initial consultation.

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**If you are a member of Thrivent** and desire to have your Thrivent Choice Dollars directed to the ORLC's St. James Tuition Endow. Fund, you will have to use the following process. Inform your Thrivent representative to direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. Then ***you must notify Gretchen*** of the amount which you want to be put in to the Endowment account. She will make sure it gets transferred to that account.

**Saint John's Food Pantry** has enough egg cartons at this time. Thanks for all your help!

**Concordia Food Bank** is no longer accepting clipped coupons.

## December Birthdays

1 Kaitlyn Fischer	20	8 Elizabeth Fodor		20 Joan Walbring	
1 Larry Foster	60	8 Amie Hoebing		20 Alison Zehnle	
1 Harrison Knapp		8 Chad Purcell		22 Kari Adams	
1 Max Showman		9 Emily Drescher	15	22 Emma Fischer	
1 Kayla Terstriep	30	9 Nathaniel Hurley		22 Bev Post	
2 Brian Manton		9 Bill Perry	85	23 Darrell Drescher	75
3 Tad Douglas	35	9 Heidi Schlipman		23 Carole Lannerd	70
3 Morgan Longcor		9 Eldon Schoch		23 Kaiden Weisheit	
3 Cheryl Newbrough		11 Valerie Spillman		24 Ann Knoernschild	
3 Carol O'Dell		13 Jonah Tronsgard		25 Briana Robertson	
3 Jeff Wemhoener		13 Tim Westberg		26 Charla Weisenburger	
4 Phyllis Cook	60	14 Anne Schanbacher		27 Donna White	
4 Cindy Klingele		14 Shanna Wemhoener		29 Emma Campbell	
4 Allan Struve-Murphy		15 Sean Burner		29 Monica Foster	
6 Tony Bowles		15 Eric Fischer	45	29 John Frohn	75
6 Barb Ellerbrock		15 Adelina Goetz	5	29 Mary Lazzeri	70
7 Linda Go		15 Merinda Jones		30 Elizabeth Burner	
7 Olivia Showman		16 John Hallerberg		30 Savannah Edwards	
8 Lillian Cramlett		17 Ron Bowles		31 Jane Howlett	

## December Baptisms

3 Michael Herschler	11 Kelle Baird	25 Kainalu Klauser
3 Donna Johnson	11 Rob Tipton	25 Paul Weisheit
3 Jaela Vaughn	11 Charla Weisenburger	26 Anne Schanbacher
3 Emily Weppler	12 Mayce Bent	26 Brandon Voepel
4 Alexis Hibbert	12 Mike Schoch	27 Carolyn Cramlett
4 Clayton Hibbert	15 Adelina Goetz	27 Irene Drescher
4 Janice Tronsgard	15 Piper Kuhn	27 Kristen Vahle
6 Sarah Lucas	16 Sean Burner	28 Barb Ellerbrock
7 Brady Essington	17 Carol O'Dell	28 Heidi Schlipman
7 Heather Feinstein	17 Adrian Zehnle	29 Bethany Foster
8 Olivia Badamo	19 Frank Hanawalt Jr.	30 Charlie Church
8 Elizabeth Fodor	20 Shirley Foster	30 Donna Church
8 Olivia Hoebing	20 Ryan Schnack	30 Gail Church
10 Rita Boerema	22 David Ott	30 John Church
10 Steve Voepel	24 Andrew Allen	

## December Anniversaries

4 Richard and Mary Lazzeri	49 years	19 Jerry and Rosie Meyer	56 years
5 Bob and Kriss Frink	50 years	23 Brad and Karol Ehmen	20 years
11 Kirk and Sharon Vahle	44 years	26 Don and Bonnie Blattner	56 years
11 Lewis and Joan Walbring	55 years	28 Kody and Briana Linder	2 years
15 Steven and Cheryl Newbrough	25 years	30 Aaron and Janice Tronsgard	14 years
17 Jonathon and Jessica Campbell	11 years		

*Congratulations to you all!!!*

## December News & Notes *(continued)*

**Thank you to my Redeemer Church Family** for all of the cards and words of comfort at the untimely death of my husband. God's blessings to all of you. *Renee Beredetto and family*

**Thank you** to those of you who sent cards and prayers. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated and our prayers were answered. No Cancer was found !!! *Evelyn McDowell*

**Quilters have shipped 93 quilts! Thank you** to all those that helped them.

**Dear Our Redeemer Members:** One of our own, Cindy Spohr, has been diagnosed with a brain tumor. Her medical bills have been mounting and no insurance until the first of next year. The Evangelism Committee is sponsoring a bakeless bake sale to help her during this difficult time. Please consider donating cash or a check payable to Cindy Spohr and placing it in the tall jar on the Narthex table. Your prayers and generosity are greatly appreciated.

Thanksgiving praise to ORLC Members: THANK YOU for sharing your gifts from God with CINDY SPOHR. Evangelism Committee

**Thank you so much** to those of you who have already donated to help me. I'm grateful and humbled by your generosity. *Cindy Spohr*

### September 2020 Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

Income	<u>Jan-Sep '20</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
001 · 001 General Offerings	248,928.27	257,267.50	-2,339.23	99.1%
003 · 003 Loose Plate	2,559.07	5,000.00	-2,440.93	51.2%
011 · 011 General Fund Interest	12.77	41.66	-28.89	30.7%
019 · 019 ORLC Scrip Fund	0.00	4,583.34	-4,583.34	0.0%
020 · 020 Bequest Fund & Designated	<u>3,817.31</u>	<u>5,180.00</u>	<u>-1,362.69</u>	<u>73.7%</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>255,317.41</b>	<b>266,072.50</b>	<b>-10,755.08</b>	<b>96.0%</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
Mission	13,250.00	14,166.66	-916.66	93.5%
Personnel	160,742.68	164,447.48	-3,704.80	97.7%
Program	45,344.91	53,717.52	-8,372.61	84.4%
Property	<u>35,896.05</u>	<u>44,424.98</u>	<u>-8,528.93</u>	<u>80.8%</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>255,233.64</b>	<b>278,756.64</b>	<b>21,523.00</b>	<b>92.2%</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>83.78</b>	<b>-10,684.14</b>	<b>10,767.92</b>	<b>-0.8%</b>

### Upcoming Events

**December 16:** Advent Midweek Service 7 PM

**December 24:** Christmas Eve Candlelight Services at 7 PM & 9 PM (RSVP)

**December 25:** Christmas Day Service at 9 AM

**December 31:** New Year's Eve Service at 6 PM

**January 3, 2021:** Take down Christmas Decorations

**February 21, 2021:** Horizons Meal Prep 3:30 – 7PM

**May 13, 2021:** Ascension Day Service

**July 11-13, 2021:** CID District Convention

**July 2021:** LCoSJ Guatemala Mission

**September 11, 2021:** Women's Conference

**October 2021:** Central Ill. Pastors Conference

**July 9-13, 2022:** National Youth Gathering in Houston, TX

**December Puzzle Answer** *(Puzzle on page 15)*

For by grace are ye saved through faith, and this not of yourselves, it is the gift of God. Ephesians 2:8



Coming off of a long holiday weekend the first part of the week was a tad bit quiet. Many were pretty “turkey tired”...including the adults! As the week went along the activity increased and by Friday we all were alive with spirit. The Christmas decorations that adorned our halls when we came to school on Friday morning likely helped!

As we are in the midst of the Advent Season we are reminded how blessed each one of us are to hear God's promises. We are blessed to know God has fulfilled all His promises in Christ. We have the comfort that our sins are forgiven. We have the comfort knowing that we will be with Jesus forever.

**St. James Fundraisers** - Currently there are a few opportunities to help raise funds for our great school.

- Take n Bake Pizzas – we are asking families to sell locally made pizzas **from 11/20 – 12/17**.
- Hibernate – students will be selling bed sheets throughout the rest of the year.
- If any members would like more information on how to purchase, please contact the school office at 217-222-8267.

**New Website Launch** - We are so excited to announce the schools updated website. Please take a few moments to look it over and share. If you see something that is missing we want to know. Our website is something that will be regularly updated and revised. Check it out at: [www.stjamesquincyschool.org](http://www.stjamesquincyschool.org)

**Christmas Program** - Yes, there will be a Christmas program. This year it will be a virtual program titled “Jesus Means Christmas to Me”. The hope is to be finished recording **by December 15th**.

**EAGLE VISION** EVERYONE deserves our respect, **ACT** with kindness, **GOD'S LOVE** is our greatest strength, **LOVE** one another, **EVERY DAY** live for Jesus, **SHOW OTHERS** we are Christian

## Assignments for December 2020

### Ushers:

Saturdays at 5:00 PM	Bob Mehl
Sundays at 9:00 AM	Gary Hyer, Jerry Manton, Chet Vahle, Barb Vahle , Ryan Vaughn
Midweek Advent 1 - 7:00 PM	Jerry Manton, Jeff Wolfmeyer, Randy Wolfmeyer, Don Blattner
Midweek Advent 2 - 7:00 PM	Larry Ehmen, Darrell Drescher, Craig Gooding, Clint Gooding
Midweek Advent 3 - 7:00 PM	Dennis Baker, Stan Yelton, Brad Essington
Christmas Eve - 7:00 PM	Ryan Vaughn, Chris Knapp, Gary O'Dell
Christmas Eve - 10:30 PM	Nathan Hoebing, Steve Schoch, Jerry Lunt, Bob Mehl
Christmas Day	Chris & Michele Clevenger, Larry & Monica Foster
New Year's Eve	Jerry Lunt, Darrell Drescher, Larry Foster

**Counters:** Glenna Nicholson and Barb Ellerbrock

**Altar Care:** **Mona Fischer**, Amy Killday, Wanda Spohr, **Volunteer Needed**

**Drivers:** Steve Hyer, Jerry Manton, Wanda Spohr, Ryan Vaughn



**We welcome you to join us in "Serving the Lord with Gladness"!** Did you know that you can be a member of LWML without attending meetings? Please speak to one of our LWML members or call Laurie Bronson at 217-617-7267. To learn more about the mission and great history of the LWML, go to [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org).

**Like our Facebook pages...** Lutheran Women in Mission - LWML and Lutheran Women's Missionary League – Central Illinois District.

### UPCOMING...

**Dec. 4** – Christmas party, Cancelled

**Jan. 7** – monthly mtg., 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall

**Feb. 4** – monthly mtg., 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall

**Soup & Bread fundraiser** – TBA

**Mar. 4** – monthly mtg., 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall

### November News

Many thanks to Laurie Bronson and Shelly Schoch for serving as hosts of our November meeting!

Michele Clevenger and Jane Haschemeyer have agreed to stay on in their respective positions as Vice President and Secretary for the next two years.

A big Thank You to all who helped make our rummage sale a success!!! We couldn't have done it without you! Our final total was just over \$2,000 in sales. Woohoo!

### Our 2020 Missions Projects

**National** - Lutheran World Relief, Lutheran Home Ministries, African Radio, **ALL** PAID!!!

**Local** - Gospel for the ORLC St. James Education Fund, ORLC Youth, Camp Cilca

### 2020 - 2021

### LWML CID Mission Grants

#### Grant #6 – Bringing Christ's Light to Those Living in Darkness - \$5,000

Lutheran Braille Workers share the Good News found in Christ Jesus with people who are blind or visually impaired throughout the world.

The purpose of this project is to increase production of Braille and specialized large print Christian materials and ensure every piece of material is sent to recipients free of charge. The

funds would be used for paper, bindings, cardboard, and freight charges.

**Please support this grant by donating to our LWML society mite fund!**

### The Widow's Mite---

And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. And he called his disciples to him and said to them, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on." **Mark 12:42-44 ESV**



### National Mission Grants 2019-2021

*LWML has donated over \$100 million since 1942!!*

### Pre- and Post-Seminary Training for Local Church Workers Mission Training Center, Africa - \$50,000

In villages across Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia, most local congregations are led by helpers and evangelists. Others are led by seminary-trained and ordained pastors. Both groups are eager for opportunities to study enabling them to better serve the congregations God has entrusted to their care. This mission grant will provide funds to help cover the cost of lodging, food, and transportation as they travel to and from their classes.

For more information about this mission, go to [lwml.org](http://lwml.org), hover over missions and click on Mission Grants.

Pastoral Report  
October 1 – 31, 2020)

**Official Acts**

**Baptisms**

**First Communion**

**Adult Baptism**

**Youth Confirmation**

**Marriages**

**Funerals**

**Membership Changes**

**Gains** [+0B, +0C]

**Baptisms** [+0B, +0C]

**Adult Confirmations & Baptisms** [+0B, +0C]

**Youth Confirmations** [+0B, +0C]

**Transfers In** [+0B, +0C]

**Affirmation of Faith (from other Lutheran)** [+0B, +0C]

**Losses** [-0B, -0C]

**Death** [-0B, -0C]

**Transfers Out** [-0B, -0C]

**Requested Removal** [-0B, -0C]

**Statistical Adjustment** [+/-0B, +/-0C]

<b>Membership</b>	<b>Jan. 1, 2020</b>	<b>Gains</b>	<b>Losses</b>	<b>Oct. 31, 2020</b>
Baptized	568	+11	-3	576
Confirmed	440	+6	-3	443



# CENTRAL ILLINOIS DISTRICT

*of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod*

## News You Can Use

### Through the Old Testament in a Church Year

You can find resources that survey the Old Testament in a year. Here, however, is one that does so in a *church year*. Going through Old Testament history in chronological order, it correlates various Old Testament incidents with the church year's themes and emphases.

This audio resource will consist of a series of *Issues, etc.* interviews with CID staff member Ken Schurb during the 2020-2021 church year. The typical interview will run about 25 minutes, closer to 20 minutes if listeners fast-forward through various announcements. The interview recordings will be available on demand at <https://issuesetc.org/archive>

The series will commence on Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 2020, with an hour-long premiere that will highlight the biblical teachings of Creation (appropriate for Thanksgiving) and of the Fall and first prophecy of the coming Deliverer (for the First Sunday in Advent). In each succeeding week, God willing, you will find at least one interview, occasionally more than that, to unfold the story of the Old Testament through the church year. The series will end on the Sunday before Thanksgiving in 2021.

After listening to each of these interviews, you can ask yourself:

1. Now, how did that go? – What was the Bible story on which the interview centered?
2. Now, what is the Lord saying to me? – What was the Law in this biblical account? Where was the Gospel?
3. Now, how does this apply? – What applications to life did this interview state? Or which others might be suggested by it?

Listen for these interviews week by week. Dig into the Old Testament. At the same time, renew your acquaintance with and appreciation for the church year. It all centers in Christ!

### **ACROSS OUR DISTRICT**

#### ***YouthLead Training***

***February 25-28, 2021 – St. Louis, MO***

**YouthLead** (formerly Lutheran Youth Fellowship) has equipped teens to develop and use their leadership skills as they serve Christ within their congregations and communities. The Synodical annual leadership training event in St. Louis is led by our teen Executive Team and gives teens the tools they need to mature in their faith, become leaders in their congregations, and reach out to their peers with the love of Christ.

**Who is Invited** Any high school youth who is an active member of an LCMS congregation can join us. We encourage you to contact your district before you register as some districts have supports for those attending this training. (CID has budgeted limited scholarship funds). We prefer teens attend with an adult leader from their congregation. Arrangements can be made for them to come unaccompanied.

Registration for youth and adults is \$375. This covers your food, housing, supplies and a shirt during the whole training. You will need to also cover your transportation to and from St. Louis. REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW. GO TO [LCMS.ORG/YOUTHLEAD](https://LCMS.ORG/YOUTHLEAD) FOR MORE INFORMATION.

## News You Can Use (continued)

### Responding to Idols- Book Discussion (Zoom format)

Identifying idols stands out as important in evangelism. When the church brings the Gospel to people around us, we should understand the idols we are up against. And we need to recognize the idols in our own hearts and lives.

Idolatry lies at the heart of all sin, so our dealing with it cannot be superficial. For when we sinners fail to fear and love and trust in God, we all find substitutes. We look for substitutes not only for God as Creator, but also as Redeemer and Sanctifier.

As a theologian and a preacher, Martin Luther had much to say about idolatry. Even when he wasn't using the word "idolatry," he was engaging with the subject. He did so regularly as he expounded God's Word in pulpit and classroom.

The book *The Unholy Trinity: Martin Luther against the Idol of Me, Myself, and I* by Michael Lockwood (CPH, 2016) lays out Luther's multi-faceted case against idolatry and for the one saving God. This book applies the reformer's biblical insights to our times today. For our idolatrous culture takes even good things and casts them as ultimate things. It coaxes us to do likewise. Against this, Dr. Luther provides stimulating spiritual help, centered on Christ.

Starting on **Thursday, January 14**, CID Evangelism Executive Ken Schurb will conduct one-hour Zoom discussions of this book every other week, with a break in February. Sessions will be live on **Thursdays at 3:00 p.m. on: Jan. 14** (Introduction and chapter 1), **Jan. 28** (chapters 2 & 3), **Feb. 25** (chapter 4) **Mar. 11** (chapter 5), **Mar. 25** (chapter 6), **Apr. 8** (chapter 7), **Apr. 22** (chapter 8), **May 6** (chapter 9). Any "make-up" session that proves necessary would occur on **May 20**.

These conversations are open to all members of CID churches. Pastors and other rostered church workers are especially encouraged to participate. Send an e-mail expressing interest. We will take that as your registration, and reply with the appropriate Zoom link. The sessions on the above dates will be recorded. If you cannot participate live, you can view the session later.

There is no cost for the sessions. In fact, CID will provide the first 25 registrants for these sessions a *gratis* copy of the book *The Unholy Trinity*. (Please reimburse the District \$3.00 for shipping costs.) If you **register by January 3, 2021**, we can mail a copy of the book early enough for you to read the introduction and chapter one before the first session on Jan. 14. Be sure to include both your e-mail address and your postal address in your e-mail message to [kschurb@cidlcms.org](mailto:kschurb@cidlcms.org)

### **Lutherans For Life 2021 Illinois Essay Contest** Sponsored by the Council of Federation Presidents

For students in Grades 6 through 12 Any Lutheran student in a Lutheran school or church is eligible. Lutheran students may also enter through a home school or congregation e.g. confirmation class, youth group when validated by a pastor or teacher. Contest Guidelines Students will write a life-affirming essay based on the theme: God Chose You with the bible verse: "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit". (John 15:16)

1. Not incorporating the theme and verse in the essay will disqualify the entry.
2. Examples of topics the essay could deal with are, but not limited to: abortion, the handicapped, adoption or foster care, infanticide, cloning, stem cell research, physician assisted suicide or euthanasia etc.
3. Essays should include student's name, grade (Identify school or church) and email address. All entries submitted by a teacher or pastor, should include their name and email address. This information should be submitted on the rubric page used in grading the essay. Teachers are encouraged to consult the rubric (see Gretchen) and submit qualified entries.
4. All sources for references, statistics and quotes should be incorporated within the essay and then included in a bibliography at the end. Grades 6 - 8 should submit essays up to 400 words Grades 9 - 12 should submit essays up to 750 words.
5. Entries should be submitted digitally using Microsoft Word or Google Docs to by April 1, 2021 to [cathy.benning.os@gmail.com](mailto:cathy.benning.os@gmail.com)
6. There will be a \$100 first place award & a \$50 second place award for each of the two. The two first place category winners will advance to the national contest. Email the address above with questions.
7. Grand Prize for the national winning entry at each level: \$250 plus free conference registration to a 2021 Regional Conference and one night stay at the conference hotel.
8. All entries become the property of Lutherans For Life.

For questions or resources on the sanctity of life, see: [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)



Coloring Page:





# PUZZLE PAGE

## FAITH

By

Bill Schlegl

Why is it so important to have faith in God?

( A = 1, E = 5, I = 9, O = 15, U = 21 )

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*Have A  
Blessed  
New Year!*



## Poinsettias for Christmas

Poinsettias complete the decoration of our chancel for Christmas. You may help underwrite the cost of these poinsettias with a special donation. The poinsettias may be “sponsored” as a memorial to a loved one, as a thank offering for God’s blessings, or as a gift to the glory of God and the beauty of his house. A listing of those who have sponsored these poinsettias will be included in our bulletins for the Christmas season. The poinsettias are available at a cost of \$7.50 each. You will be able to take home your poinsettia(s) after the conclusion of the Christmas Musicale on December 27<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to sponsor one or more poinsettias, please fill out the form below and bring or mail it to the church office. Payment should accompany the order.

I would like to sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ poinsettia(s).

The poinsettia(s) is/are given:

☐ in loving memory of \_\_\_\_\_

☐ in thanksgiving for blessings received

☐ for the glory of God and the beauty of his house

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please bring or mail this completed form to the church office.)*  
***(All orders must be received by Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>.)***